



## News Release

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### Birth and Death Certificate Prices Increase for the First Time in Ten Years

(Salt Lake City, UT) - The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) Office of Vital Records and Statistics has increased the fee for birth and death certificates beginning today. The fee increases were passed by the 2003 Utah State Legislature to balance the health budget with additional revenue. The \$3 increase for birth certificates and the \$4 increase for death certificates represent the only fee increases for these certificates since 1993.

The fee for a birth certificate went from \$12 to \$15 and the death certificate fee changed from \$9 to \$13. The fee for duplicates of both certificates, after the initial certificate fee is paid, went from \$5 to \$8. The complete fee schedule is available at [www.health.utah.gov/vitalrecords](http://www.health.utah.gov/vitalrecords). The fee increases for birth and death certificates are the same statewide.

There are also two unique certificates available through the UDOH. The Utah Heritage Birth Certificate (\$22) is a keepsake birth certificate suitable for framing and its sale supports a comprehensive statewide Child Abuse Prevention Plan (\$7 of the fee is tax deductible). All birth information on the Heritage Certificate is personalized by hand with calligraphy on a print by Trevor Southey and signed by the current Governor. The UDOH also offers a Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth for parents who have suffered that loss. Utah is one of a few states that offer this certificate (\$12).

Requests for certificates to the UDOH Office of Vital Records and Statistics processed after June 30, 2003, must include the new fee amount. The UDOH office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; all applications received after 4:30 p.m. are not processed until the next working day. The new fee schedule, application forms, or an online ordering service can be accessed from the above website or at the service window located in the Martha Hughes Cannon Health Building at 288 North 1460 West. The mailing address for the Office of Vital Records and Statistics is P.O. Box 141012, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-1012.

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